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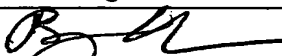
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Entitled: **APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CAUSING DEFLECTION OF A SURGICAL INSTRUMENT**

- ☒ 1. Submitted herewith are the following:  
**10 pages of specification, INCLUDING Abstract.**  
**1 sheet(s) of drawings (Figs. 1-3).**  
**12 claim(s).**
- ☒ 2. SMALL ENTITY STATUS IS ASSERTED pursuant to 37 CFR 1.27 for this application.
- ☐ 3. The Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment and charge any deficiency in any fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and/or 1.17, to Deposit Account No. 02-0200.
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